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SENATE BILL 427

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE ETHICS LAWS OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS; AMENDING PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW
RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990 AND INITIATED
ACT 1 OF 1996; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE ETHICS LAWS OF
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND AMENDING
PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW RESULTING FROM
AN INITIATED ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(g)(4), concerning the use of
campaign funds and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1
of 1996, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) The use of campaign funds to pay a candidate's own
personal expenses for food, lodging, or travel to attend a national
presidential nominating convention shall not be considered a taking of
campaign funds as personal income.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-207(a)(1)(D), concerning reports of
contributions and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1
of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(D) No later than thirty (30) days after the end of the
month in which the candidate's name has appeared on the ballot in any primary



election, runoff election, ~~or~~ general election, or special election, a final report of all contributions received and expenditures made which have not been disclosed on reports previously required to be filed. A final report is required regardless of whether a candidate has received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500); and

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-6-207(b)(1)(A), concerning reports of contributions for candidates for office other than school district, township, municipal, or county office and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(A) The total amount of contributions received with loans stated separately, the total amount of expenditures made during the filing periods, and the cumulative amount of those totals for the entire election cycle;

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-6-208(b)(1)(A), concerning reports of contributions for candidates for school district, township, or municipal office and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(A) The total amount of contributions received with loans stated separately, the total amount of expenditures made during the filing periods, and the cumulative amount of those totals for the entire election cycle;

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 7-6-209(b)(1)(A), concerning reports of contributions for candidates for county office, is amended to read as follows:

(A) The total amount of contributions received with loans stated separately, the total amount of expenditures made during the filing periods, and the cumulative amount of those totals for the entire election cycle;

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 7-6-223, resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1996, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) If a political party received contributions and disbursed money before the calendar quarter in which it met the petition requirements of § 7-

7-205, the first quarterly report shall also include all information required by subsection (b) which occurred before the quarter in which the political party met the petition requirements of § 7-7-205.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 7-9-402(2)(A), concerning the definition of "ballot question committee", is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) "Ballot question committee" means any person, located within or outside Arkansas, that receives contributions for the purpose of expressly advocating the qualification, disqualification, passage, or defeat of any ballot question, or any person, other than a public servant expending public funds, a governmental body expending public funds, or an individual, located within or outside Arkansas, that makes expenditures for the purpose of expressly advocating the qualification, disqualification, passage, or defeat of any ballot question.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 7-9-402(8)(A), concerning the definition of "legislative question committee", is amended to read as follows:

(8)(A) "Legislative question committee" means any person, located within or outside Arkansas, that receives contributions for the purpose of expressly advocating the passage or defeat of any legislative question or any person, other than a public servant expending public funds, a governmental body expending public funds, or an individual, located within or outside Arkansas, that makes expenditures for the purpose of expressly advocating the passage or defeat of any legislative question.

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